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Ms. Kate Connolly
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Dear Kate,

People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE), the non-profit anti-poverty agency in New Bedford, is engaged in a public education program regarding the pollution of the Acushnet River ESTuary. The PACE/AREST project, in cooperation with the ongoing Buzzard's Bay Project, will utilize various methods to inform citizens of our area about the Superfund program and how it affects us.

One component of our program will be a thirty minute, bi-lingual video documentary to be aired on local cable television systems, and possibly distributed for broadcast airing. The funding for this documentary comes exclusively from the private sector.

We would like to work with your agency to insure that we present in this tape the latest and most accurate information about what has been done in New Bedford harbor, and what the plans are for future remedial action. We will address the technical aspects of the PCB pollution, including the nature of the chemical and its hazards, the extent of pollution in the harbor and Buzzard's Bay, and the difficulty presented by this chemical being present in sediments under water, as opposed to a land based pollution problem. We'll also discuss the EPA RI/FS process, and the interagency cooperation demanded by this particular site. We'll also touch on the cost recovery aspect of the enabling legislation, and the impending lawsuits filed against the alleged polluters.

PACE is non-partisan, and only interested in giving the public the best information available in order for our community to come to grips with, and participate in asolution of this Region's highest priority Superfund site.

Sincerely,

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